

# LION PILOT Overview



## LIONS

Lions is a national pilot program of the Boy Scouts of America for kindergarten-age boys. Cub Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America, whose mission is to help young people build character, learn citizenship, develop personal fitness, become effective leaders, and have fun in the outdoors. Cub Scouting focuses on boys in the first through fifth grades. The Lion pilot is exploring the value of a program for kindergarten-age boys. (Boys must be 5 years old by September 1.)

## OVERVIEW

Lions is a family-oriented program. A youth and his parent or caring adult partner join Scouting together. A group of six to eight boys and their adult partners meet together in a group called a den. Dens will meet approximately twice per month. They have fun participating in den meetings and outings while making memories together.

## PROGRAM

The Lion pilot encourages boys to learn and explore through hands-on, high-energy activities. Adult partners take turns leading a den meeting or outing during the year. Most meetings and outings are approximately 45 minutes in length.

## RECOGNITION

Boys are recognized for their accomplishments as they work toward the Lion badge. The Lion badge is earned by completing five adventures. Adventures are completed during the den meetings and outings. When an adventure is completed, the youth receives a sticker to put in his keepsake *Lion Adventure Book*.

## ADVENTURES

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| Lion's Honor       | Pick My Path               |
| Fun on the Run     | Gizmos and Gadgets         |
| Animal Kingdom     | On Your Mark               |
| Mountain Lion      | Build It Up, Knock It Down |
| King of the Jungle | Rumble in the Jungle       |
| I'll Do It Myself  | Ready, Set, Grow           |

## LEADERSHIP

Den meetings and outings are facilitated by a Lion guide and participating parents. The Lion guide is an experienced Cub Scout leader. He or she will lead the first den meeting of the year. The Lion guide will help each adult partner lead one of the remaining meetings. The den meeting plans are provided in the *Lion Parent and Leader Guidebook*.

### Adult Partner

The adult partner participates with the Lion in fun meetings and outings. He or she takes turns with other adult partners to lead a den meeting and/or outing.

### Lion Guide

A Lion guide is a volunteer leader who provides direct support to your Lion den.

### Cubmaster

The Cubmaster serves as the master of ceremonies for the monthly pack meeting. The pack meeting is an event where all of the dens in a Cub Scout pack come together for fun activities and awards. Lion dens usually attend only two special pack meetings as Lions. Because Lions are so young, their bedtimes often occur before pack meeting ends.

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## UNIFORM



The uniform for Lions is a Lion T-shirt with an optional cap. These items are available from your council's Scout shop for all approved pilot councils.



The Lion guide wears the same official adult uniform as other Cub Scout leaders in the pack. A Cub Scouting activity T-shirt is also appropriate.

## RESOURCES

### Resources available for the approved national pilot councils are:



Recruitment: Build an Adventure recruitment materials, this flier, FAQs



#### Orientation and training:

- 1) For parents, Lion guides, and Cubmasters
- 2) Specifically for Lion guides



#### Program materials from council Scout shop:

- 1) *Lion Parent and Leader Guidebook*: 12 den meeting plans and outing plans
- 2) Lion recognition stickers
- 3) *Lion Adventure Book*: Youth keepsake
- 4) Lion Badge: For completion of the five required adventures



People: Your local council, unit, and experienced Cub Scout leaders

## DEVELOPMENT

The program materials were developed under the auspices of the National Service Center of the Boy Scouts of America. The materials were based on four pilot councils and their years of experiences. Then the program was modified by a development team, which included experts in child development and education working with the Boy Scouts of America. Collectively, this team had over 75 years of volunteer service to Scouting and experience in education, including advanced preparation in child and curriculum development.

## EVALUATION

Evaluations will be conducted throughout the year. Because this is a pilot, your participation is needed to provide feedback for program continuation or expansion.

To support the feedback, it is important to deliver the program as designed.

## CONTACT

Contact your local council to enroll you and your son in the Lion program. Enjoy!

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